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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DECORATION FOR LT. GEN. SALVADOR, SAF

1. DOD HAS ASKED STATE CONCURRENCE IN PROPOSED AWARD OF
LEGION OF MERIT TO LT. GEN. JULIO SALVADOR DIAZ-BENJUMEA
OF SPANISH AIR FORCE. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT PROPOSED
AWARD WAS INITIATED IN EARLY 1974 AND THAT EMBASSY
CONCURRED IN PROPOSAL AT THAT TIME.

2. DEPT ALSO NOTES THAT DAO MADRID INDICATED IN IR NO. 6
889 0035 75 THAT REPORTED SPANISH PLANS TO BUY MIRAGE III
AND F-1 AIRCRAFT MAY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY BRIBES OR
OTHER FRENCH EFFORTS TO WOO HIGH SPANISH OFFICERS. LT. GEN.
SALVADOR WAS MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO REVIEW
PROPOSED AWARD TO LT. GEN. SALVADOR. IF DECISION IS
TO GO FORWARD WITH AWARD, APPROVAL OF GOS SHOULD BE
OBTAINED. KISSINGER

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